

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the St. Louis Hurling Club, the state's very first recognized hurling club established in 2002; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Hurling Club is credited with bringing the ancient Irish sport of hurling to the greater St. Louis area; and

Whereas, the oldest field sport in the world, hurling is one of Ireland's national sports that evolved as a method of training warriors for battle more than 2,000 years ago; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Hurling Club is the first association of American-born hurlers ever invited to join the North American Gaelic Athletic Association, which is overseen by the Gaelic Athletic Association, the governing body of hurling at its top level in Ireland; and

Whereas, on April 26, 2003, the St. Louis Hurling Club played its first national match and defeated the University of Notre Dame team by an impressive score of 19-9 in a Chicago tournament; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Hurling Club hosted its first-ever inter-city hurling match in St. Louis versus Milwaukee on October 4, 2003; and

Whereas, St. Louis Hurling Club teams include the Black Thorn Pub Sons of Liberty, McGurks Pub Black Shamrocks, and the Brown and Brown Celtics; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to St. Louis Hurling Club founders Paul C. Rohde, Dan Lapke, and Pat O'Connor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the members and leaders of the St. Louis Hurling Club at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to promote the aims and purposes of their fine organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Louis Hurling Club in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Daus
District No. 67

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker